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## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASOON, Esq. E. R. BELMILL, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. Hon. W. KELWICK, Esq. A. MOLYNE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager, Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drays, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 20, 1876.

## Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 4th May, 1877, at Noon, Cotton Socks, Stockings, Napkins, Butcher's Knives, Penknives, Tooth Brushes, Eau de Cologne, Lavender Water, Silk Umbrellas.

Also, White Lead, White Zinc, Black Paint, &c., &c., &c.,

And, The North China PONY "PIMENTO," a Good Hack.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

TUESDAY,

the 8th day of May, 1877, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, —

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Situate at Sow-Kel-Wan, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 123, and abutting on the North side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 31 feet.

On the South and West side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 125 feet.

On the South and East side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 200 feet.

On the North and West side on a Close (where a Plan for a Public Street is laid out) Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 124, measuring thereon 150 feet.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877.

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## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs MELCHERS & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th of May next, at Noon, on the Premises, under a power contained in a Bill of Sale dated the 18th day of December, 1874, given by THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, and CARL HEINRICH EIBERT SEMUND, lately carrying on Business in this Colony, as Shipchandlers and Storekeepers, under the Style or Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co., All the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS being in and upon the Premises No. 62, Praya Central, lately occupied by the said Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

Also,

THE GOODWILL of the said Business TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. my19

## Notices of Firms

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at AMoy. Mr F. F. KELWELL will Act as our AGENT at that Port.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my2

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTEAD.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my7

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI. Mr CARL KLEIN has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

### NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

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WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

### NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. my18

### NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned is This Day REMOVED to No. 4, Peddar's Hill.

R. G. ALFORD,

Surveyor, &c. Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my5

### NOTICE.

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE, No. 67, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMEN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## Intimations.

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 1st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

FIRST BONUS of Five per Cent. A upon Contributions for the Year 1876, will be Payable on MONDAY Next, the 7th Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 5th Instant.

By Order of the Board,

E. MOORE, Act. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

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HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the

MEMBERS of the above SOCIETY will be Held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 7th May, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, a Statement of Accounts, and to elect Officers for the ensuing Year.

Members and others taking an interest in the Society are invited to attend.

F. W. BARFF, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877.

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NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, beg to inform the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that the Charter of our Steam-launch CUM SING (plying between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-sha-sho), by Mr Buxoo, will expire on the 30th Instant, after which date the said Launch will ply on the same route on our own account; having no connection whatever with the late Charterer.

The Fare will be as usual until further notice.

WING KEE & Co., Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877.

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SPANISH CONSULATE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Captains of Spanish and Foreign Ships starting for the Islands of CUBA and PORTO RICO that His Catholic Majesty's Government has again put in Force the 7th Rule of the Royal Decree of the 26th December, 1872, which has recently been revoked.

Consequently Captains and Super-cargoes are informed that on their arrival at any of the Ports of the said Islands, they shall deliver to the Officers of the Custom House a Manifest duly certified by the Spanish Consul of the Port of Clearance or Depar-

tature, declaring whether the Ship is in ballast or giving a description of the Cargo that is on board.

Any Contravention of the said 7th Rule will be punished with a Fine of \$500 Five Hundred Dollars, or less, according to the circumstances connected therewith.

A. FARAUJO,

Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

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MARINE ENGINE.

A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 60 Horse Power nominal. High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 48 inches in diameter. Stroke 30 inches.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Argentino*, having arrived, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the undersigned, whence and/or from the wharf or boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is given before 3 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 6th proximo will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877.

## ARRIVALS.

May 3, Sun-chi, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

May 3, *Asturias*, U. S. gunboat, 1037, Geo. H. Perkins, Pakho April 30.

May 3, *Lombardy*, British steamer, 1726, W. B. Hall, Shanghai April 23, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 3, *Bombay*, British steamer, 749, H. E. Smith, Yokohama April 25, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 3, *Aurora*, British barque, 295, R. Milne, Bangkok April 3, General—CHINESE.

May 3, *Glenlyon*, British steamer, 1373, John Wallace, Saigon April 29, Rice—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

May 3, *Cairnsuir*, British steamer, 1120, S. Spowart, Salagon April 29, Rice—HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

DEPARTURES.

May 2, *Cheung Hock Kian*, for Swatow.

3, *Menzaleh*, for Yokohama.

3, *Ocean*, for Hoihow.

3, *Penedo*, for Hoihow.

3, *Sopie*, for Takow.

3, *Flyway*, for Canton.

3, *H. M. S. Curlew*, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

2, *Tak*, for Shanghai.

State of Louisiana, for Swatow.

2, *Thingville*, for Saigon.

2, *Taiwan*, for Swatow, &c.

2, *Argentino*, for Yokohama.

DEPARTED.

Per *Ashuelot*, from Pakho, Consul Lincoln, Rev. Mr. Preston, and Capt. B. H. L. C. M. C.

Per *Lombardy*, from Shanghai, Messrs F. Hornsbee and Servant, M. M. Mehta, A. Jamison, J. J. Wilshire, F. Henderson and Servant, H. Ludwig, Mooney, and 34 Chinese.

Per *Bombay*, from Yokohama, 1 European deck, and 8 Chinese.

Per *Aurora*, from Bangkok, 5 Chinese.

Per *Glenlyon*, from Saigon, 1 Chinese.

Per *Cairnsuir*, from Saigon, 74 Chinese.

Per *Argentino*, for Yokohama, 1 European and 40 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Sorsogon*, for Manila, Rev. Francisco Royo, and 3 Chinese.

Per *Tak*, for Shanghai, 85 Chinese.

Per *Thingville*, for Saigon, 80 Chinese.

Per *Taiwan*, for Swatow, &c., 1 European and 50 Chinese.

Per *Argentino*, for Yokohama, 4 Europeans and 2 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French barque *Charité* reports:

Left Looe on the 11th April, anchored at Manila on the 16th, and left again on the 18th. During the passage had calm and variable winds from S. to the N.E.

The British steamer *Lombardy* reports:

Light winds and fog.

The British steamer *Bombay* reports:

Light winds with thick foggy weather on Japan Coast, from thence to port light airs and calms with foggy weather. Passed S. S. *Yesso* of Chelang Point.

The British barque *Aurora* reports:

Fine weather and light Easterly winds during the passage.

The British steamer *Glenlyon* reports:

Moderate S.E. wind and fine weather.

The British steamer *Cairnsuir* reports:

Fair 24 hours light Easterly winds, remainder of passage moderate Southerly winds and fine weather. On the 2nd May, passed American barque *Agate* bound Westward.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For SHANGHAI—

Per *MEIKONG*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 4th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30.

For COOKTOWN.—

Per *JULIA*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst. Mails will also be closed for E. Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, 12 cent rates.

For MANILA.—

Per *SORSOGON*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SAIGON.—

Per *MONTGOMERYSHIRE*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 5th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per *RAJANATTIANUHAR*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *SINDH*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 12th May, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mersilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Amalaka, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension. Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Friday, May 11th.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, May 12th.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

Hongkong, April 29, 1877.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Hongkong, May 2, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 2, *Charité*, French barque, 255, F. Hervé, Manila April 18, Timber—CZAROWICZ & CO.

May 2, *Emma*, German barque, 340, H. T. Gray, Koudaire March 27, Rattans—T. F. FISHER & CO.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

MAILS BY THE EWELINE PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *LOMBARDY* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th May.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

Friday, 4th May.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 5th May.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom via *Brindisi* or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877.

DEPARTURES.

Per *Cheung Hock Kian*, for Swatow.

3, *Menzaleh*, for Yokohama.

3, *Ocean*, for Hoihow.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 4, Bengaluru, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

water much discoloured and gave the appearance of shallow water.

"Having passed two miles off on this occasion I intend to make a still closer search the next time I pass the spot; but at the same time, I am inclined to think that the Captain of the *Zambanga* must have been deceived by the discolouration I mention. I should be pleased however to hear that a proper survey was made, as the reported danger is right in the track of the French Mail and many other steamers."

"Sights were taken on board the *Meikong* at 5.36 a.m., 8.30 a.m. noon, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. So there could be little doubts of the accuracy of our position."

The steamer *Loudoun Castle* was safely undocked this afternoon (April 27th). So great is her length that it was found necessary to cut away some twenty feet at the head of the Dock, and even then there were only two or three feet to spare. Until this year the *Glenavney*, *Glenearn*, *Glenflas* and *Braemar* and *Cawdor* Castles were looked upon as the crack vessels; but now, thanks to competition, times are changed, and one scarcely hears of any other than the *Loudoun* and the *Glenavneys*. The race this year is already causing great interest, and bookmakers are not wanting for either of the new steamers. Never before, perhaps, in the annals of the tea-trade, have such fine vessels as the two favourites now on the berth been pitted against each other.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 24th says:—We much regret to have to record an accident to the fine steamer *City of Peking*, which left here this morning (April 24th) for Hongkong. About one o'clock to-day news was received to the effect that the steamer had touched the ground of Kanonsaki. It appears that the vessel left her anchorage at 5 a.m. weather being very misty though calm; while steaming slowly down the bay she took the ground of Kanonsaki and remained. Assistance was sent for, and the chartered steamer *Masilia*, of the Mitsu Bishi Co., was at once despatched, and was followed by the U. S. ship *Alert*. The *Masilia* towed down two large lighters and another was sent with the Company's tug-boat, the object being to discharge cargo forthwith and to use every effort to get the vessel afloat without loss of time. The *City of Peking* is commanded by Captain Tanner, and had on board about one thousand tons of through cargo from San Francisco, and sixty tons from here. Passengers numbered 6 in cabin, and 166 steerage. So far as is known at present the position of the ship is not dangerous if the weather remains calm, while the injury done by the stranding is believed to be slight.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACES.

We have been favoured with the results of these races, which commenced on the 30th ultimo:—

FIRST DAY.

Chu Ka Za Cup,.....Kieslack,  
Criterion Stakes,.....Black Satin.  
Griffin's Plate, dead heat,.....Capucine.  
Jockey Cup,.....Frasco.  
Broker's, ".....Nimrod.  
Taota's, ".....Black Satin.  
Rouder's Plate, ".....Tendresse.  
Sheepchase, ".....Wild Idea.

SECOND DAY.

Shanghai Cup,.....Kieslack.  
Derby, ".....Scarita.  
Spring Cup, ".....Tools.  
Concordia Cup, ".....Infatuation.  
Race Club, ".....Wild Idea.  
Tatler Cup, ".....Roller.  
Hurdle Race, ".....Schwabe.

THIRD DAY.

Shanghai Club Cup,.....Tools.  
Great Northern Plate, ".....Kesah.  
Ladies' Purse, ".....Black Satin.  
Kiang Su Plate, ".....Wild Idea.  
Chau Shang Kuk Cup, ".....Roller.  
Consolation Cup, ".....Prestidigitateur.  
Champion Sweep Stakes, ".....Savista.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

May 3, 1877.

THE CHAIR NUISANCE.

Cheong Angow, a chair-coolie, was charged with obstruction. P. C. Penn states that on the 2nd instant, he was on duty near the Hongkong Hotel. A gentleman was coming out by the Peadiur's Wharf entrance. The defendant rushed with his chair from the Post Office side of the road, passing amidst other chairs and took the poles of his chair into the door-way of the Hotel. The defendant said the gentleman coming out of the Hotel had hired his chair a few days ago and told him to look out for him. Fined 51.

Cheang Atung, chair-coolie, was brought up for a similar offence and was similarly fined.

BOARDING-HOUSE RUNNERS.

Shun Tui Heung, coolie, and Lo Atsing, boatman, were charged with having gone on board the steamer *Taiwan* as the same came in from Swatow, before the arrival of the Health Officer. Fined 50 each.

SWEET POTATOES.

Lee Alek, a hawker, was charged with having gone to the Coffee Plantation and dug up some of the sweet potatoes growing therein. The defendant was sent to 21 days' hard labour.

CUTTING AND WOUNDED.

Ng Asing, an ex-district watchman, was brought up for cutting and wounding one Mah Fung, who is now under treatment at the Hospital. Remanded till the 7th inst.

SPRITTOUS LIQUOR.

Lo Ayow, a steward, was charged with having in his possession a small quantity of gin, contrary to the Naval regulations. Sergeant Abbott Holley, R.M.A. on board H. M. S. *Fury*, stated that the defendant was Ward Room steward. He was discharged yesterday. About 12.30 p.m. on the 2nd, defendant was found to have about three gills of gin in a jug. The matter was brought to the notice of the Commander, who ordered the liquor to be thrown overboard. According to the regulations he should not have any spirituous liquor in his possession so long as he formed one of the crew. The defendant said that he had in the jug was not gin but

hot water only, which he had got to wash plates with. He should like the 2nd Engineer to be called. Remanded till tomorrow at 11 a.m.

THEFT.

Chun Ayik, described as a broker, was charged by Oozar Khan, a showman, with stealing some cash from him. The complainant is the owner of two camels and exhibits them at the Chinese Recreation Ground at a charge of 5 cash each visitor. There was a basket in which the cash collected was kept. The defendant was one of the spectators, and he improved the occasion by stealing the cash from the basket. He was caught in the act by the complainant. One month's hard labour.

DESERCTION.

Mok Akat, a seaman, was charged by Capt. John Budleigh Vd., master of the British barque *Falcon*, with desertion from the ship. The defendant was shipwrecked at Bangkok for a voyage to Hongkong and back. The vessel arrived here on the 23d April, and this morning the defendant was found absent from the ship. The defendant had received two months' advance and had served only one month. The defendant admitted that he did run away from the ship, and urged that his engagement with the complainant was that if he was satisfied with the ship, he would go on the return voyage; if not, he would leave here. He was not satisfied because the Captain had struck him. The complainant denied that there was any such understanding. The defendant was therefore sent to 7 days' hard labour, subject to be claimed by the Captain.

A PICK-POCKET.

Lee Aling, a coolie hailing from Macao, was charged with stealing from the person of a Chinese boatman who was witnessing the performance of a Chinese conjurer. The complainant felt his pocket touched and then discovered the loss of \$1. The money was found afterwards in the Police Station at the place where the defendant had been standing. He was sent to six months' hard labour, in spite of his protestations; also to be exposed in the stocks for three times for one hour each time.

DISEASED MEAT.

Two butchers and one coolie were charged with having in their possession about 90 catties of diseased beef. It was brought over from Yowmatai in the steam-ferry, and was seized at the Ichang wharf. Inspector Quincey said the beef was a little tainted and was very poor, but he could not say whether it was fit for human food or not. The case was remanded till the 4th inst. The defendants were all admitted to bail in \$20 and \$10.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, 23rd March, 1877.

The Deputation to the Chinese Embassy has been the event of interest to Chinese readers of the past week. You will find a full report of it in the *China Express* by this mail, and will be able to form an opinion from it of the lengths to which people are prepared to go here upon such subjects as the Opium question and our relations with China. It would perhaps be difficult to conceive anything more inconsistent than the whole of the proceedings.

A number of eminent English gentlemen, headed by the Earl of Shaftesbury, go to the Chinese Envoy to assure him of their great concern for his countrymen in consequence of their smoking Opium and of their desire to put down the Opium trade. The Envoy in reply says little beyond the vaguest generalities on the first point, and as respects the second, simply assures the Deputation that their object, however laudable, is quite impracticable, as even if the Opium trade in India were stopped, the drug would assuredly be sent to China from other countries.

The proceedings were interesting and to some extent imposing. There could be no doubt of the weight of the Deputation both as respects numbers and influence. It was somewhat striking to see the evident strangeness which all felt in the presence of Kuo and Lin, neither of whom is anything more either in appearance or manner than a very ordinary Chinaman. Liu is a little more polished, but certainly less so than many Chinese officials and even mercantile men I have seen; and Kuo is a man much of the Ting Tauchu stamp with, however, a good deal more *bonhomie*. If not much more polish, there is nothing about him of the heavy Celestial dignity, which would in reality take much better than a more free and easy way here. But his style of address clearly shows that he has got the notion into his head that an off-hand rather jaunty style is that best suited to the outer Barbarian, and behaves accordingly. Still it is clear he means to be as conciliatory as possible; and is on the whole kindly and courteous, and though he might perhaps gain more weight by a more composed style, he has certainly succeeded very well in making himself popular.

The Deputation having assembled in the drawing-room of the *Legation*, the two Envys with their attas'és (who by the way give themselves much more air than the Ambassador) entered and took their seats, the members of course standing meantime. It was rather amusing to see the puzzled look which Kuo had, when it became necessary to bid those present "be seated." You know the difficulty which a Chinese official who is versed in the proprieties has in coming to an anchor when he has only one visitor to seat—etiquette demanding that he shall allow his guest to sit first. This was of course impracticable with so many, and Kuo had to time himself with the Earl of Shaftesbury, allowing his Lordship to sit down about a tenth of a second before himself. She is under the same agency as the *Fuksing*, *Tai-yee-foong*, and *Ping-foong* and it is now understood to be a fact that the same combination—the company has not yet assumed a name—have two steamers now building in England.

THE CHAIR NUISANCE.

Lee Alek, a hawker, was charged with having gone to the Coffee Plantation and dug up some of the sweet potatoes growing therein. The defendant was sent to 21 days' hard labour.

CUTTING AND WOUNDED.

Ng Asing, an ex-district watchman, was brought up for cutting and wounding one Mah Fung, who is now under treatment at the Hospital. Remanded till the 7th inst.

SPRITTOUS LIQUOR.

Lo Ayow, a steward, was charged with having in his possession a small quantity of gin, contrary to the Naval regulations. Sergeant Abbott Holley, R.M.A. on board H. M. S. *Fury*, stated that the defendant was Ward Room steward. He was discharged yesterday. About 12.30 p.m. on the 2nd, defendant was found to have about three gills of gin in a jug. The matter was brought to the notice of the Commander, who ordered the liquor to be thrown overboard. According to the regulations he should not have any spirituous liquor in his possession so long as he formed one of the crew. The defendant said that he had in the jug was not gin but

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

We hear that a loan has been negotiated with the Chinese Government for five million taels.

We hear from Tientsin that the steamer *Haining* brings down a large quantity of ammunition placed at the disposal of the Japanese Government by Li Hung-chang, immediately, he was informed that the Government of Japan was in want of ammunition in their operations against the rebels. It would thus seem that a growing entente cordiale exists between the two nations.

The following steamers are reported as likely to go to Hankow and load tea for London: Two of the *Glen* line, two of the *Cairns* line, the *Staad Amstel*, the *Harkov* and the *Cyphene*. Besides these, a French mail-boat is to load at Shanghai. The latest advices from up river confirm the report that the ensuing season is likely to be an early one, and masters of Ning-show tea are expected about the 5th proximo. The first-crop tea is selling in the country twenty to twenty-five per cent cheaper than last season, and abundant supplies are looked for, as the weather has been favorable.

We hear from Chefoo that a collision occurred between German barque *Wega* and the French barque *Maria*, on the 20th: both outward bound and ready for sea. The *Wega*, it seems, parted her cable and of course ran foul of the Frenchman; it was blowing fresh at the time from the South, but very little damage was done to either vessel.

The Captain of the *Wega* after a little difficulty had his anchor and chain restored to him. Both vessels sailed the same afternoon for Swatow. It is getting very hot in Chefoo; the thermometer has been as high as 80°, and the dust which has been flying about the town, says our Correspondent, is simply blinding.

It is said that the tea-market in the interior is opening at low prices; about 30% cheaper, indeed, than last year.

The market for greens in Sung-yang has opened at 190 a 200 cash per catty of 32 taels' weight, against 200 a 275 a year ago; at Ning-how, too, prices have opened at 120 a 130 cash per catty of 16 taels' weight against 180 a 200 last year.

The crop is likely to be very large, and with further depressing news from England the market is likely to go still lower, as many hongs have reduced their limits considerably.

Altogether, therefore, the prospects of the tea-trade are relatively bright. If we may accept the circumstances of the trade during the Franco-German war as a criterion, when very handsome profits were made, it certainly seems as though another chance were about to present itself; though of course it is impossible to foresee the eventualities of the present struggle in Europe.

Generally, too, when the first crop of tea is cheap, the second and third crops are not large; so that it is once more in the hands of the buyers to make or mar their fortunes. A good deal of *sycee* is being packed for shipment to Hankow.

(News)

We hear that the barque *Serpent*, which was abandoned on the Shalutine Islands, in the Gulf of Pechili, under circumstances now well known, has been towed into Taku by the pilots there.

We hear that the *Glenarney* has made another favourable passage to Nagasaki and back. She left on the 18th and returned yesterday morning, (April 24th) with 2,000 tons of cargo, having been 5 days 19 hours on the trip. The *Glenarney* will take tea home from Foochow.

At H. B. M.'s Supreme Court, yesterday (April 23rd) before R. A. Mowat, Esq., Acting Assistant Judge, William Henry Shaw was indicted for stealing and embroiling Tls. 5,800, Kiu-kiang currency, the property of his late employer, Mr. R. Francis. He pleaded guilty, and through his Counsel, Mr. Renie, threw himself on the mercy of the Court. Mr. Wainwright, on behalf of the prosecution, joined in the appeal for leniency; and the Court, after a suitable admonition, sentenced the prisoner to twelve months' imprisonment.

An extraordinary meeting of the Shanghai Race Club was held yesterday, (April 23rd) to reconsider the proposals made at the last general meeting respecting the rebuilding of the stables in the Grand Stand Compound, and the means of raising funds for the purpose; also to alter the date of the annual meeting from February to January. It was resolved to proceed with the rebuilding of the stables, and also the removal of the "red house" to a site close to the back of the Grand Stand, immediately after the present Spring Meeting; and to raise the necessary funds, estimated at Tls. 6,000, by the issue of debentures of Tls. 100 each, the capital so raised to be redeemable by the annual payment of Tls. 1,000, the interest to be arranged with the persons who applied for the debentures. It was also resolved that, for the future, the annual meeting should be held in January, instead of February.

The U. S. war-vessel *Monocacy* arrived yesterday (April 26th) from the Riverine ports.

The steamer *Conquest*, the first foreign trading vessel to Wenchow, returned to Shanghai yesterday (April 26th). She made a favourable passage to the new port, and was cordially welcomed by the natives.

Besides her cargo she landed six foreign passengers, and on her return had Mr and Mrs. Stott, missionaries, to Ningpo, and about 800 packages of cargo, principally charcoal. Between Wenchow and Ningpo the experienced dense fog, and had to anchor for several hours on three different occasions.

The str. *Soothow* left yesterday morning (April 27th), for Hankow. Further she was known as the *Soothow*, and since she has been under her present management, she has been fitted with a hull-cam deck affording accommodation for about 800 native passengers, as well as comfortable quarters for foreigners; her engines and boilers have been overhauled; and in other respects she has been altered and improved for river traffic. She is under the same agency as the *Fuksing*, *Tai-yee-foong*, and *Ping-foong* and it is now understood to be a fact that the same combination—the company has not yet assumed a name—have two steamers now building in England.

HONGKONG.

After mature consideration as to the benefit to be derived by making Hankow a port of call, it appears conclusive that it cannot fail to be most detrimental, if not absolutely fatal to the commercial interests of Kiu-kiang. It would also appear to the majority of the enthusiastic gentlemen present

without reference to the native and foreign interests centred at Kiu-kiang, and in opposition to the general opinion prevailing on the subject in 1869, when Consul Swinhoe, the official delegate of the special mission up the Yangtze, stated "that the landing place, while perhaps a boon to the river steamer interests, would be the death-blow to Kiu-kiang." Such being the case, and nothing having transpired to alter the condition of affairs, it appears unwise in the extreme to make Hankow a port of call, when it is almost certain to prove fatal to the local native and foreign interests at Kiu-kiang, and be of no advantage whatever to the steamer companies or merchants, generally. It would be interesting to learn what advantage is anticipated from the opening of Hankow, or by whom the step was suggested. The memorials of 1st May, 1867, merely recommended that the Po-yung lake should be open to steam, to enable exports to be brought more expeditiously to Kiu-kiang, which has always been the regular mart or emporium and port of shipment, as they were fully aware of the loss and injury Kiu-kiang would sustain by practice being shipped at various directions. They re-united at Mibune at about 12 m. The commanding and mountainous positions of I-ida, and Kumizaka were captured by the Imperialists. The insurgents were expelled with great loss. Many were taken prisoners. Seven of the victorious army were killed, and thirty-seven were wounded more or less severely. A despatch sent from Osaka at 2.15 a.m. on the 22nd says that on the 21st inst. before the 22nd instant, the Imperialists were returned to Katsushika, and the Kumamoto garrison troops attacked both well-fed and contented. Hard by was the kitchen, a great smoky shed, with a dozen fire-places. The smoke finds its way out through a hole in the roof; the rafters are black with smoke, and great cobwebs dangle from the roof. But it is the centre of busy life, and the cooks, all of whom are paupers, have enough to do to supply the wants of the various inmates. The last place we saw was the paper shed. Here several of the men were employed in making a coarse kind of paper. The process employed resembled that formerly pursued in England. As night was now coming on, and we had a long way to go, it was necessary to think of returning, and thanking the doctor for his kindness, we turned our faces homeward. The average number of the inmates is six hundred; nearly one-third of them are in the hospital. All who can work are employed in labour of some description. The women and infants make baskets, the able-bodied men work on the roads. They are credited for this with a small sum of money, which is entered in the books of the establishment. As soon as this is large enough to stock a small shop, buy a *jirinshisa*, &c., the worker is at liberty to doff the workhouse livery and go back to the city. In this way great numbers of people are helped very materially. The total cost of the workhouse is estimated at about thirty thousand yen, or six thousand pounds a year.

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